

SENATE BILL 7076

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,  
Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to reporting on  
availability of psychiatric inpatient resources.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by  
adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Adolescent beds" means the number of currently available, staffed  
psychiatric beds ready for admission to individuals who are less than eighteen  
(18) years of age;

(2) "Adult beds" means the number of currently available, staffed  
psychiatric beds ready for admission to individuals who are at least eighteen (18)  
years of age and less than sixty (60) years of age;

(3) "Department" means the department of health;

(4) "Geriatric beds" means the number of currently available, staffed  
psychiatric beds ready for admission to individuals who are sixty (60) years of  
age or older;

(5) "Hospital" means a hospital licensed pursuant to this title or title 33  
that provides inpatient psychiatric services, and includes a regional mental health  
institute; and

(6) "Psychiatric bed tracking system" means the web-based electronic  
system managed by the department that can be searched to locate inpatient  
psychiatric services at a hospital in this state.

(b) Beginning January 1, 2024:

(1) A hospital in this state shall update the psychiatric bed tracking system no less than one (1) time per day.

(2) Subdivision (b)(1) does not prohibit a hospital in this state from updating the psychiatric bed tracking system more than one (1) time per day.

(3) Each update must include the number of available, staffed adolescent beds; the number of available, staffed adult beds; and the number of available, staffed geriatric beds.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.